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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING MARCH 4, 1975:

QUOTE: MR. ANDERSON: AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, THIS AFTERNOON
AT 3:30, IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ROOM, THE SECRE-
TARY AND THE IRANIAN FINANCE MINISTER ANSARY WILL SIGN AN
IRANIAN-UNITED STATES TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT. AND
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SIGNING, THE SECRETARY AND THE
MINISTER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT
(FULL TEXT OF U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION JOINT STATEMENT
CARRIED IN NESA WIRELESS FILE DATED MARCH 4).

Q. LET ME TRY TO SEE IF YOU CAN EXPAND AT ALL ON THE
SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP. AT LEAST GIVE US SOME IDEA
OF HOW LONG A VISIT HE ANTICIPATES, SOME OF THE COUNTRIES
HE MIGHT VISIT, OTHER THAN EGYPT, ISRAEL AND SYRIA.

A. I WAS GOING TO SUGGEST THAT YOU COME UP HERE AND ANSWER

YOUR OWN QUESTION. I CANNOT, AS FAR AS ANYTHING DEFINITE
GOES. THE OTHER DAY WE MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD GO TO
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ASWAN, AND THEN HE WOULD GO TO DAMASCUS, ISRAEL, AND BACK
TO ASWAN. AND IT IS OPEN-ENDED FROM THERE ON. I ALSO
MENTIONED THAT ON THE QUESTION OF VISITING JORDAN AND
SAUDI ARABIA, I DON'T BELIEVE THE SECRETARY HAS HARDLY
EVER MADE A TRIP OUT INTO THE AREA WITHOUT VISITING THESE
TWO COUNTRIES. AND I THINK OBVIOUSLY HE WILL BE VISITING
THOSE TWO COUNTRIES. BUT AS FOR THE TIMING, THAT WILL
HAVE TO BE SET LATER ON.

Q. THE EMIRATES -- CAN YOU SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THAT?

A. ON THAT, AS I MENTIONED THE OTHER DAY, A NUMBER OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE PERSIAN GULF, SUCH AS KUWAIT, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE ASKED OR INVITED THE SECRETARY TO VISIT THAT AREA. JUST WHICH COUNTRIES THE SECRETARY MAY BE ABLE TO VISIT-- HE WANTS TO GO DOWN THERE, AND IN RESPONSE TO THESE INVITATIONS -- AND JUST WHEN IT CAN BE WORKED IN, WE JUST HAVE TO LEAVE IT OPEN UNTIL WE SEE HOW THE PROGRESS OF THE TALKS GOES ALONG.

Q. HE USUALLY CUSTOMARILY MAKES EUROPEAN STOPS TO BRIEF THE EUROPEAN ALLIES. IS THERE SUCH AN EXPECTATION?

A. WELL, ON THAT, FIRST OF ALL THERE IS NO CURRENT PLAN TO GO AROUND TO ANY OF THE EUROPEAN CAPITALS THE WAY WE DID THE LAST TIME. BUT WHEN YOU SAY HE CUSTOMARILY DOES THIS, I HAVE ONLY BEEN ON, I GUESS, FOUR OF THESE TRIPS WITH HIM, AND I SEEM TO RECALL AT LEAST ON TWO OF THEM WE DID NOT GO TO EUROPE ON THE WAY BACK. I THINK WE WENT TO MOROCCO ONCE AS OUR LAST STOP, AND WENT BACK HOME. ANOTHER TIME I THINK IT WAS ALGIERS, AND WE CAME BACK HOME. SO I WOULD NOT ASSUME THAT.

Q. YOU WOULD NOT ASSUME THAT.

A. I WOULD NOT AT THIS TIME. I JUST THINK THE LENGTH OF THE TRIP JUST ISN'T KNOWN YET. I THINK THAT WILL HAVE A BEARING. I THINK THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TRIP AND THE LENGTH OF THE TRIP WILL HAVE A BEARING ON WHAT FUTURE STOPS THE SECRETARY MAY OR MAY NOT MAKE. BUT THERE IS NOTHING PLANNED AT THIS TIME.

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Q. DO YOU EXPECT A GENEVA STOP?

A. NO, NOT AT THIS TIME. THERE IS NOTHING IN THE WORKS ON THAT.

Q. AFTER HIS MAY TRIP, WHICH LASTED I THINK 30 DAYS, THE SECRETARY, I THINK, RULED OUT HIS EVER GETTING INVOLVED IN SOMETHING THAT LONG AND EXTENDED AGAIN. NOW WE ARE SAYING IT IS OPEN-ENDED. IS HE NO LONGER RULING OUT A 33-DAY SHUTTLE OR SOMETHING OF THAT ORDER?

A. LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE SECRETARY IS LOOKING FORWARD TO A TRIP ANYWHERE NEAR THAT LENGTH. BUT IT STILL IS OPENED IN THAT IT MAY LAST TEN

DAYS, IT MAY LAST TWO WEEKS. WE JUST DON'T KNOW. BUT HE IS CERTAINLY NOT COUNTING ON ANOTHER TRIP OF SUCH AN EXTENDED LENGTH AS THE ONE YOUR REFERRED TO.

Q. WHEN IS HIS NEXT APPOINTMENT IN WASHINGTON?

A. I DON'T KNOW.

Q. CAN YOU GIVE US AN IDEA OF HOW MANY INVITATIONS HE HAS AT THE MOMENT IN HIS BASKET OF INVITATIONS? YOU REFERRED TO AN INVITATION. I WANT TO GET AN OUTSIDE ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES THAT WOULD LIKE A VISITATION. YOU MENTIONED KUWAIT. THERE IS EGYPT, SYRIA, ISRAEL, JORDAN AND SAUDI ARABIA. HOW MANY COUNTRIES WOULD LIKE US TO DROP IN FOR A SPELL ON THIS TRIP.

A. I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY --

Q. IS IT WITHIN TWO DOZEN, THREE DOZEN?

A. LET'S KEEP IT DOWN A LITTLE LOWER THAN THAT. END QUOTE
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